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SUBJECT : DISCUSSION WITH SPANISH DELEGATION

SUMMARY: USDEL DISCUSSED WITH SPANISH DEL US INTEREST IN SPANISH
NPT ADHERENCE AND US DESIRE TO EXTEND REPROCESSING PROVISION
IN US/SPAIN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION TO COVER ANY MATERIAL
IRRADIATED IN US REACTORS. END SUMMARY.

1. USDEL SEAMANS ACCOMPANIED BY SIEVERING AND KRATZER MET WITH
GENERAL OLIVARES BAQUE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPANISH DELEGATION
AND NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD. SEAMANS SUMMARIZED CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS
REGARDING NON-PROLIFERATION IN US AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE WHICH
US ATTACHES TO ADHERENCE BY SPANISH AND OTHER REMAINING NON-NPT
PARTIES TO THE NPT. HE ALSO SUMMARIZED THE PROBLEM FACED ON
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RECENT SPANISH NUCLEAR REACTOR EXPORTS WHICH LED TO DISSENTING

OPINION BY MEMBER OF NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND INDICATED THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF USDEL WOULD DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH SPANISH DELEGATION IN MORE DETAIL.

2. GENERAL OLIVARES EXPRESSED HIGHEST RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR US HELP OVER YEARS BOTH IN NUCLEAR AND OTHER FIELDS AND INDICATED HE ALSO PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS AUTHORITY TO WORK TOWARDS SOLUTION TO SPANISH AGREEMENT PROBLEMS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT AS A CHAIRMAN OF A TECHNICAL BODY HE DID NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN SPANISH GOVERNMENT FOR NPT AND THAT HIS ROLE WOULD BE CONFINED TO TECHNICAL ADVICE. HE ALSO EXTENDED INVITATION TO SEAMANS TO ATTEND OCTOBER 25 CEREMONY MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPANISH ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD. SEAMANS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INVITATION AND INDICATED HE WOULD ADVISE OLIVARES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF HE COULD ATTEND.

3. KRATZER AND BORIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH LOPEZ-MENCHERE (NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD) AND EXPLAINED IN MORE DETAIL BACKGROUND OF MUTUAL DETERMINATION REPROCESSING PROVISION IN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION AND RECENT ADMINISTRATION, NRC, AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN EXTENDING COVERAGE TO ALL MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN US-SUPPLIED REACTORS. LOPEZ-MENCHERE NOTED BACKGROUND AND ONLY COMMENTED THAT ENTIRE ARTICLE IN WHICH MUTUAL DETERMINATION APPEARS (ARTICLE VIII) CONCERNS US-SUPPLIED MATERIAL. KRATZER NOTED THAT MANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT COVERED ALL MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN US-SUPPLIED REACTORS AND THAT RESTRICTED APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VIII WAS ANOMALOUS AND ILLOGICAL.

4. AT LUNCH HOSTED BY USDEL (KRATZER, IRVING, SIEVERING, BORIGHT) FOR SPANISH DEL (GENERAL OLIVARES BAQUE, CELLINI AND LOPEZ-MENCHERO OF NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD, AND BLANCO-BRIONES OF FOREIGN OFFICE) KRATZER EXPLAINED TO OLIVARES NATURE OF US SUGGESTION AND THAT IT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED; FOR EXAMPLE, BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES. WHEN OLIVARES REPLIED THAT THIS SOUNDED LIKE QUOTE DETAIL UNQUOTE TO HIM, BLANCO-BRIONES ADDED (RATHER HASTILY) THAT US PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL.

5. ALL ABOVE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY CORDIAL, AND ALTHOUGH NO ANSWER WAS GIVEN BY SPANISH DEL, NO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OR

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